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Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" Do not the records show any reason for holding up the elections ? "

The hon. Dr P. Subbarayan :—" I think the Government acted on the advice of the President, District Board."

11-45 a.m. Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Sir, with reference to the answer to clauses (c) and (d), may I know whether the Government merely acted as a registering office and accepted the nominations sent up to them, without making any enquiries and calling for information on such relevant points mentioned in clauses (c) and (d) of the question ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" If Government think that any enquiries are necessary, they would make enquiries ; evidently in this case, they thought that no such enquiries were necessary."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" May I know who submitted these nominations ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The President, District Board."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" May I give this information to my hon. Friend that in nominating members to the new taluk boards, several elected members of the old taluk boards were excluded while defeated candidates were nominated, and ask him whether such a procedure is justified in his opinion ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" That is asking for my opinion."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" I am not asking for his opinion, Sir. Though nominations of defeated candidates were sent up and confirmed by his predecessor, may I ask him if he will turn a new leaf in the chapter and ask for information with regard to the nominations, whether they are of defeated candidates and so on ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" My hon. Friend knows enough about me to know that I shall do so."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" But when these nominations were sent up, why did not my hon. Friend ask for the necessary information ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The matter had gone to such a head at that time that I could not do anything."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Is there any policy or principle involved in the nomination of defeated candidates ? "

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Lack of principle ! "

Roads connecting Malabar with South Kanara.

* 127 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to refer to the answer to my question No. 2271, dated 17th July 1926, and to state—

(a) what roads there are connecting Malabar with South Kanara ; and

(b) if there are none, whether Government have decided to make the required roads for connecting the two districts?

A.—(*a*) None.

(*b*) The Government have not decided to make the roads in question. They will enquire from the District Boards of Malabar and South Kanara whether they propose that the existing roads in their districts should be extended to meet on the boundary.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire why the South Kanara district is not connected by roads with the rest of the Presidency ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am sure the hon. Member knows that South Kanara is connected with Mercara by road."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Mercara is not part of the Presidency. How does it happen that my district is not connected with Malabar and the rest of the Presidency ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" My hon. Friend, who knows the features of the districts better than I do, will understand that it is a matter of spending several lakh s of rupees."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is it because that South Kanara is a negligible part of the Presidency ? "

Many hon. Members :—" No, no."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am sure that the South Kanara district will not be neglected, as long as we have Mr. Saldanha."

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" Will the Government consider the question, if a resolution is passed by the District Board of South Kanara to open up the road communication with Malabar ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Government will consider the question when the proposal comes up."

Bifurcation of the Chingleput Taluk Board.

*128 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal before the Government of Madras to bifurcate the taluk board of Chingleput ;

(*b*) whether the taluk board of Chingleput has passed a resolution against the proposal, and whether the Collector of Chingleput also is against the proposal ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have passed orders in the matter, and if so, to what effect ; if no order has been passed, what is the reason for the delay, and when the final order can be expected ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The decision of the question has been deferred.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know, Sir, for how long this question has been deferred ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question was deferred to be considered again at the end of the financial year."